GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3375
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2002
SNOOKER TEAM AT BUSAN ASIAD
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the managers of Indian contingent to Asian Games in Busan failed to arrange for proper facilities to players particulars this snooker team;

(b) whether the matter has been investigated;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) The members of the Indian contingent had been provided with well furnished accommodation in the Games Village. Government of India had paid USD 50/-, per person, per day, to the organizers towards board and lodging of the players. As reported by the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India, on the 6th October, 2002, India had to play the English Doubles` Finals at the venue of the tournament. There was a few hours` gap between the Semi-final and the Final. Considering that it was raining that day, the long distance involved between the Athletes` Village & the Tournament venue and the possibility of match schedule being changed at very short notice, the Team Manager/Chief Coach & the players decided to stay at the venue. Since there was no rest room provided for the players at the venue, they decided to rest, wherever they could. It is true that Shri Geet Sethi/players had to make do withviewers` gallery/chairs to take rest, as there was no rest room provided at the venue.

(b) to (d) : The Billiards and Snooker Federation of India has indicated that it was a matter of arrangementalconstraints that the playing countries had to bear with. As such, there appears to be no need for further inquiry in the matter.